Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for effecting a predetermined process with respect to another data processing apparatus, comprising:

a recognition unit for recognizing a charge function of another data processing apparatus;

a decision unit for deciding whether ~~which of~~ said data processing apparatus is to effect a charge process for a first process by said data processing apparatus and for a second process by said another data processing apparatus ~~a charge process for the predetermined process that both of said data processing apparatuses perform~~ in accordance with the recognition by said recognition unit; and

a control unit for controlling execution of the charge process in accordance with the decision by said decision unit ~~one of said data processing apparatuses decided by said decision unit to effect the charge process for both of said data processing apparatuses~~.

Claim 2 (Previously presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said decision unit effects the decision on a basis of information received from another data processing apparatus.

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Claim 3 (Previously presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined process is a process for printing an image read by said another data processing apparatus in the data processing apparatus; and

the charge process is based on at least one part of information regarding the number of images read by said another data processing apparatus, monochromatic reading, color reading, the number of sheets to be printed by said another data processing apparatus, monochromatic printing and color printing.

Claim 4 (Previously presented) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined process is a process for printing an image read by the data processing apparatus in said another data processing apparatus; and

the charge process is based on at least one part of information regarding the number of images read by the data processing apparatus, monochromatic reading, color reading, the number of sheets to be printed by said another data processing apparatus, monochromatic printing and color printing.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus comprising:

a processing portion for effecting a predetermined process with respect to another data processing apparatus; and

an information portion for informing said another data processing apparatus of charge function information of the data processing apparatus, so that <u>double charge for the predetermined process by said data processing apparatus and said another data processing apparatus is prevented</u> ~~said another data processing apparatus decides which of said data~~

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~~processing apparatuses is to effect the charge process for the predetermined process, and one of~~ ~~said data processing apparatuses effect the charge process for both of said data processing~~ ~~apparatuses;~~ and

a charge portion for executing a charge process for a first process by said data processing apparatus and for a second process by said another data processing apparatus in order to execute the predetermined process after the informing by said information portion.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a data processing apparatus for effecting a predetermined process with respect to another data processing apparatus, comprising:

recognizing a charge function of the another data processing apparatus;

deciding whether ~~which of~~ said data processing apparatus is to effect a charge process for a first process by said data processing apparatus and for a second process by said another data processing apparatus ~~a charge process for the predetermined process that both of said data~~ ~~processing apparatuses perform~~ in accordance with the recognition in said recognition step; and

controlling execution of the charge process in accordance with the decision by said decision unit ~~one of said data processing apparatus decided in said decision step to effect the~~ ~~charge process for both said data processing apparatuses.~~

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a data processing apparatus comprising:

effecting a predetermined process with respect to another data processing apparatus;

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informing said another data processing apparatus of the ~~the~~ <u>charge function information</u>

<u>of the</u> data processing apparatus, so that <u>double charge for the predetermined process by said</u>

<u>data processing apparatus and said another data processing apparatus is prevented</u> ~~said data~~

~~processing apparatus decides which of said data processing apparatuses is to effect a charge~~

~~process for the predetermined process, and one of said data processing apparatus effect the~~

~~charge process for both of said data processing apparatuses~~<u>; and</u>

<u>executing a charge process for a first process by said data processing apparatus and for</u>

<u>a second process by said another data processing apparatus in order to execute the</u>

<u>predetermined process after the information by said information step.</u>

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